



Petition of Waiver of FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Re: CC Docket No 02-6

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In accordance with Sections 54.719 through 54.721 of the Commission's Rules, Ombudsman Educational Services respectfully petitions the Federal Communications Commission waiver of the March 22, 2018 deadline for submission of Fund Year 2018 Form 471 Discounted Services Application. Ombudsman Educational Services has submitted and certified the FCC Form 471 for Funding Year 2018, "EPC" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on 03/22/2018 at 11:33 PM MST, less than 2 hours after the after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of 03/22/2018 at 11:59 EDT.

Ombudsman Educational Services is a subsidiary of ChanceLight® Behavioral Health, Therapy. Our mission is to provide personalized, evidence-based educational services for non-traditional learners in collaboration with families and public school districts. Ombudsman Arizona Charters offer educational programs and related services to students in one or more of the following categories: Students with behavioral issues, students identified as dropouts, students with poor academic standing, students with adult responsibilities and adjudicated youth.

During the Form 470 bidding window we received one bid on March 21, 2018, one day before the Form 471 deadline. This time frame did not allow us to request additional bids and to properly evaluate the bids received in a timely manner.

We realize that previous precedent is for the Commission to grant Form 471 deadline waiver requests if the Form was submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline.¹ In light of the reasons stated above, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to waive the Form 471 deadline for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Espinoza

¹ *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259, para. 8 (2010) (*Academy of Math and Science Order*)